

Lt. Governor John Garamendi's Issues Statement Commemorating Kwanzaa

"Today, December 26, 2008, millions of Africans around the world will begin their celebration of Kwanzaa. This seven-day celebration reinforces the Nguzo Saba, or Seven Principles which affirm family, community and culture. The principles at the heart of the Kwanzaa celebration are unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. These principles serve as vital tools in building hope and opportunity in our communities across the world.

"Today, we have a re-invigorated sense of hope and promise in America. A hope rooted in the belief that our great diversity can unite, not divide, our country and our world. Throughout this joyful and energetic celebration of Kwanzaa, let us all reflect on and appreciate these values which are integral to African culture and to mankind as a whole. Let us take this opportunity to renew our commitments to enhancing our communities, and pursue social justice and let us continue in our collaborative work to make good and peace more prevalent in the world. "Happy Kwanzaa!"